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Society Meets Arabian Prince At Reception

Housewarming Of Legation Is Brilliant

By Katharine M. Brooks

His Royal Highness Prince Faisal al-Saud, second son of the King of Saudi Arabia, who is Governor of the Province of Hejaz and Minister of Foreign Affairs for his country, was the guest of honor at a large and brilliant reception early last evening.

The occasion was a double celebration, a fête to honor the distinguished visitor and a housewarming for the new Legation. The house, located at 2800 Woodland drive was purchased a short time ago from Senator and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth who lived there for some years. It was built by the late Mrs. Charles Whitman Wetmore, one of the first houses in that locality of Washington. Mrs. Wetmore as Elisabeth Bisland was a well-known newspaper woman of Philadelphia in the latter years of the last century, writing under the name of Nellie Bly.

Native Costumes Worn

The Saudi Arabian Minister, Sheikh Asad Al-Faqih, who has been absent for some time in his homeland and at the meetings of the United Nations, has had the house completely done over. He stood yesterday with the Prince in the drawing room at the left of the very wide entrance hall and also in the line to receive was His Royal Highness, Prince Nasir, sixth son of the King, and Governor of Riyadh capital of Saudi Arabia.

The gentlemen all wore their native robes. They are colorful costumes, the Minister and the Princes wearing the usual kussiah about their heads. The kussiah is white and yesterday the ihram, which is worn over the kussiah, was white with tiny red dots. Topping this is the igal, which the host and his honor guests wore in gold. The top robe—the abba—was black, in fact always is black, frequently of cashmere wool but yesterday they were silk. This was worn over the short coat and under that the tob, corresponding to a shirt. These under garments are in favorite colors of the wearer.

The nearly 1,000 guests, after being received, went on into the library adjoining and thence into the Arabian room. This room is particularly interesting with its pastel colors in the bolsterlike pillows and hangings as well as the rich rugs and coverings on the lounges.

Another room which attracted much admiration was that known to the Saudi Arabians as the soda room. It corresponds to a cocktail room in an American home and here they have a fountain in the center which yesterday was outlined with small potted plants in full and colorful bloom. The furniture is chrome upholstered in leather in bright shades of red, yellow and green. It was here that fruit juices were served, for, in accordance with the Mohammedan religion of the Arabians, the indulgence in spirituous liquors is forbidden.

The dining room, which is across the wide hall from the drawing room, was well crowded most of the time from 6 to well after 8 o'clock. The mound of blossoms in the center of the table carried out the national colors of Saudi Arabia, green and white, and in front of the blossoms was placed the cake decorated with the flags of the five Arabian countries and a map of Arabia with the five countries well outlined in the icing. There were two other cakes—these having the coat of arms—the palm tree with the sword below—of Saudi Arabia in green and white.

Lavish Buffet

Whole lambs stuffed with rice, after an Arabian recipe, and whole turkeys also stuffed with Arabian rice, were on the tables with whole cold salmon. The elaborate supper also included chafing dishes with shrimp and lobster a la newberg, green tossed salads, as well as potato-and-egg salads, eggs and chicken in aspic and quantities of small sandwiches and cake with coffee and tea. Members of the Legation staff and those who are members of the prince's suite as well as advisers to the delegates from Saudi Arabia to the United Nations assisted the host through the reception hours and escorted guests through the Legation (See Brooks, Page D-12.)

Capital Parties Vie With Game

Parties vied with the Army and Navy game yesterday to keep Washingtonians on the go. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Harris Clark entertained at cocktails in their modernistic home in Georgetown and last evening there was the Emil Hurja's buffet supper for the Finnish Minister and Mme. Jutila and Mrs. Pearson's Russian birthday dinner for her daughter Rosalind, as well as a number of dinners before the Waltz Group's dance at the Sulgrave Club.

Among those invited to drop by the Clark's from 5:30 on were Mrs. McCeney Werlich and her brother, Mr. Robert Hinkley, Mr. and Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Robert Phillips, Mrs. William Rappley, whose husband was away on a hunting trip; Mr. and Mrs. Newbold Walmsley, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Graves, the Frederick Munds, who used to live in Darien, Conn., where the hostess formerly made her home, and Mr. Wolcott C. Waggoner. Others on this list included Mr. and Mrs. Royce Powell, Mr. Lawrence Bungeard, Mr. William Ryan and Mr. Rafael Lepkowski.

It was a gay party in Mr. and Mrs. Hurja's home on Forty-fourth street last night. Some of the guests who had been to the Army and Navy game came in after supper. The hostess arrived back in town the latter part of this week after spending three weeks in New York, and Mr. Hurja, who has been attending the U. N. conference, is down for the week end. Mrs. Hurja said that United Nations delegates from all over the world are eager to get to their homes for Christmas.



Taking a few warmup jumps are Mrs. Steadman Teller of Rockville on Irish Lad and Miss Dorothy Craig of Arlington on Stealaway. Both horses are owned by Mr. Neuman.

Capital Silhouette

By Frances Lide

Mrs. Reece's Scrapbook Is Bulging With Reports on G. O. P. Victories

Keeping scrapbooks for her husband has been a hobby with Mrs. B. Carroll Reece for a number of years.

By last April she had filled four ample volumes with newspaper clippings, photographs and similar material relating to her husband's long career in Congress.

Since Representative Reece's appointment as chairman of the Republican National Committee, she has had a hard time keeping abreast of the job. The four volumes have grown to 14—and Mrs. Reece has to take a day off every week or so for her self-appointed task.

Needless to say, she has no complaints to make about the increase.

The latest clippings reflect very good news for the GOP. And no one in the Capital derived more pleasure from the recent Republican successes in the congressional elections than Mrs. Reece.

She has had a personal interest in politics—and the Republican Party—as long as she can remember.

Her grandfather, the late Judge Nathan Goff, served in both the House and the Senate from West Virginia, resigning his position on the United States Circuit Court bench when he entered the upper house.

His father, Guy B. Goff, who left West Virginia as a young man to practice law in Milwaukee but returned to the State 30 years later

and was elected to the Senate in 1924.

Mrs. Reece's father had become a figure in the Capital even before he entered the Senate. He came here during the World War to serve in the Judge Advocate General's Office and later was assigned to Gen. Pershing's staff, serving overseas for some time. Afterward, he was associated with the United States Shipping Board and was in the Department of Justice during President Harding's administration.

He and his family were living here when his daughter met one of the Capital's most eligible bachelors—a young freshman member of the House from Tennessee. Representative Reece was serving his second term in Congress when he and Louise Goff were married in St. Thomas' Church in 1923.

Mrs. Reece has never taken the stump for the Republican Party but she has accompanied her husband on most of his campaign tours since their marriage. When they go by car, she's the chauffeur. Last summer, when the party chairman was making a swing through the Far West, they traveled by air much of the time. Mrs. Reece was amused when she contrasted the tour with their earlier trips over the rugged mountain roads of her husband's district in Tennessee.

Not only is she an expert driver, but she also is one of those rare women who know something about what is under the hood of a car. She learned that back in 1921. For eight months she served with Anne Morgan's Committee for Devastated France as a member of the motor corps. Changing tires and taking engines apart became routine.

Now her daughter Louise is becoming an expert in another field of transportation. A student at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., Louise is taking the flying course there and is just about ready for her private pilot's license.

Mrs. Reece's activities during World War II were centered in the Red Cross in Johnson City, Tenn., their home town. She organized a surgical dressings unit and soon found herself in a five-day-a-week job. After the unit was discontinued she entered the home service branch of the Red Cross. Altogether she rolled up a record of 3,000 hours of volunteer work during the war.

She also planted a large victory garden and when she and Mr. Reece rented their home recently, the new tenants fell heir to a lovely harvest of vegetables. The Reeces are now making their home at the Mayflower Hotel.

Mrs. Reece puts politics at the head of her list of special interests, but she also loves to travel and, for her, the two frequently have gone together. She made several trips to Europe before her marriage and returned with Mr. Reece in 1937. They also have seen most of the United States together.

Popular in Washington society for a number of years, both have been in great demand as guests since Mr. Reece took over the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee.

Elisabeth Baker To Wed Ensign

Commodore and Mrs. Robert Nicholson Scott Baker of the Navy Yard in Charleston, S. C., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elisabeth Scott Baker, to Ensign James Watson Johnston, Jr., U. S. N. R., son of Mr. Johnstone of Keller, Va., and Mrs. John H. Recknagel, Jr., of Douglass, Long Island.

Miss Baker attended the Potomac School and Holton Arms and was graduated from Miss Turnbull's School in Norfolk. She later attended the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary.

Ensign Johnston was graduated from the Engineering School of Cornell University and has served in the Navy for the past three years. No date has been set for the wedding.



Mrs. Richard A. Wheeler and son Dick of Dunrovin Acres, Forestville, Md., watch the activities on the Virginia farm while holding War Actress, another Newman horse.

Exclusively Yours,

Betty Beale

Capitalites Learn Way to Sway; Orchids to Washington Hostess

A brand-new idea that just blossomed in this fascinating city of ours involves terpsichorean grace. It appears that a group of Capitalites wanted to take dancing lessons. Since some of them are among the best hoopers in town, one suspects that it is just what a number of them need.

They met for the first time the other evening at the home of the Colombian Ambassador and Senora de Sanz de Santamaría and they will meet this coming Thursday at Natale and Bob Schneck's. Every other Thursday from then on, if 20 popular people about town are already engaged, it's because they will be lined up in some one's home, their eager little faces turned toward the toe-twirling teacher.

These are, of course, strictly black-tie occasions, beginning with a formal dinner or buffet supper. Afterward comes the instruction in the supper samba, rumba rhythm and tango tempo. Though just why the Colombian envoy and his wife, the Panamanian Ambassador and Senora de Vallarino and daughter Hilda, came to this country to study this kind of dancing remains a moot question. Others who may be caught in off moments bending the knee or pointing the toe with a look of great concentration, include Jerry and Arthur Hill, Betty and Frank Vanderlip, Jack Logan, the John Smalls and the Joseph Caseys. Jerry Hill, by the way, has just had his last sitting for a beautiful portrait by Englishman Thomas M. Weston, a disciple of Sargent's. There will be an unveiling soon, with all the proper trimmings, of course. The Robert Schneck's are visiting Alan Stuyvesant on his New Jersey estate this week end. A hunter's paradise, it is stocked with deer, moose and pheasants.



Miss Vallarino.

The orchid woman of Washington is Nancy Hamilton Alfaro. At every party she is bedecked in one, two or three of the country's most exotic and costly flowers. She is used to seeing women's eyes glint with envy and the resultant pained expressions on husbands' faces. They might be happier if they knew the truth, so here it is:

Nancy grows the orchids, herself, beautiful, big, perfect orchids, right in her own conservatory. She has 75 plants and each plant produces anywhere from 5 to 15 blossoms a year. The 15 different exquisite varieties were chosen so that there is always a plant in bloom from early fall until late spring. They are easy to care for but expensive because the seed-to-flowering stage takes six years. The question is—would one rather pluck it off the plant or take it out of a corsage box.

Famous Sayings

Rexford Tugwell, who was in town for a few days from Chicago, where he heads the Institute of Planning at Chicago University: "During the Republican interlude I would like to go to Africa."

Louise Helberg at a party the other evening: "I want to be a fortune teller last year and she told me she saw three husbands for me in the future."

The Parke Bradys, say the George Renchards, have a house just two doors away from the latter's at The Hague. In fact, when Dutch Prime Minister Beel looks out one side of his house he finds himself gazing on the American Naval Attache and Mrs. Brady's abode. If he looks out the other he is apt to meet the glance of the American First Secretary or Mrs. Renchard. He hasn't, in fact, a chance of not being seen if he wants to stalk across the street and surreptitiously confer with his Foreign Minister van Boetzelaer. Our diplomats must live in the right section of town. . . . Dorsey Fisher's departure from young people at a buffet supper last evening. The guests were selected from the younger members of the diplomatic circle. Miss Perez-Muro

THE National Capital Horse Show that will run for three days at Fort Myer, beginning December 6, should be put on your must list for two reasons. First and foremost, it will be a benefit affair, the proceeds going to the Nurses' National Memorial Fund. And, second, horse lovers will see some of the topnotch riding and horsemanship in the country.

The first part of the week some of the equestrians planning to participate in the show went out to Ballentree, the McLean estate of Harry Newman's, to do some prepping for the big event. All of the horses and their riders shown in these pictures will take part in the exhibition.

Starting things off will be a hunt ball, to be held at the Shoreham Hotel December 5, and at which a box has been reserved for the President and Mrs. Truman.

Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright is honorary chairman of the show. It will be one of the largest of its kind held in the Washington area since before the war.



Mrs. Frederick L. Van Lennep of Newton Square, Pa. (right), chairman of the Executive Committee for the horse show, discusses plans with members of her committee, Mrs. Frederick C. McCormack of Stevenson, Md., and Mr. Christopher R. Wood, Jr., of Philadelphia.

Service Group Attends Game In Quaker City

Parties Given By Commandant Of Navy Yard

By Betty Milliken

All roads led to Philadelphia yesterday for the Army-Navy football game. Secretary of War Patterson and Navy Secretary Forrestal both were on hand to root for their teams. Like many others who went up from Washington, they made the trip there and back in one day.

Secretary Patterson was joined in New York by his daughter Aileen after he made a speech before the Dutch Treat Chie at the Waldorf. They met Mrs. Patterson in Philadelphia for the game and returned to Washington last night. Aileen will have "Thanksgiving dinner" with her family today before going back to Radcliff College.

Secretary Forrestal's guests for the game yesterday were the Nicholas Ludwigs, whose home is in Philadelphia; the John O'Connors of Washington and the Secretary's aide, Capt. William R. Smedberg III, who rode the 8:30 train yesterday morning and returned last night.

The Inspector General of the Army and Mrs. Dan I. Sultan were in the large group of officers and their wives who took the early morning train to Philadelphia and enjoyed a picnic lunch en route. They came back last night. They see the Redskins play the Green Bay Packers at Griffith Stadium today.

The Chief of Naval Operations and Mrs. Chester W. Nimitz were accompanied to the game by their house guests, the president of the University of California and Mrs. Robert Spruill, Capt. and Mrs. Henry Chester Bruton and the admiral's aide, Comdr. Eugene B. Fluckey, and Mrs. Fluckey. Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King joined them from New York. Before the game began they were guests at the luncheon given by the commandant of the 4th Naval District, Vice Admiral James L. ("Reggie") Kauffman, and Mrs. Kauffman, at the commandant's house.

The Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Special Weapons and Mrs. W. H. P. Blandy, who drove to Philadelphia for the game, also were guests at Admiral and Mrs. Kauffman's luncheon and remained for the buffet supper which the commandant and his wife gave last evening.

Admiral Takes New Post

Tomorrow Admiral Blandy will leave for Norfolk to take over command of the 8th Fleet in the Atlantic. Mrs. Blandy will remain in Washington through December and January, then will go to Honolulu to visit her son-in-law and daughter, Comdr. and Mrs. John Marshall Lee, and her grandchildren. Comdr. Lee is flag secretary to the commander in chief of the Pacific and he and the former Hope Gilmour Blandy were married just before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

After a visit with the Lees and (See MILLIKEN, Page D-15.)

In the Diplomatic Circle; Czech Officials to Be Feted

The Secretary of State of the Foreign Ministry of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Vladimir Clementis, accompanied by Mrs. Clementis and the Czechoslovakian Ambassador, Dr. Jura Slavik, arrived last evening for a several days' stay in the Capital. They will be joined tomorrow by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jan Masaryk, who is a great favorite in Washington.

The Ambassador and Mrs. Slavik will give a reception tomorrow evening in honor of their house guests and will receive from 6 to 8 o'clock. The Finnish Minister and Mrs. M. A. de Falcon-Briceno and Mrs. K. T. Jutila have invited their countrymen and women living here to the first large party they have given since they came here. The party is set for Friday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock to celebrate the independence of their country. Other officials of this Government and heads of diplomatic missions.

The Venezuelan Embassy was opened for festivity last evening after a long period without parties. The Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Francisco Alvarez-Chacin. Miss Luisa Perez-Muro, daughter of Mrs. Alvarez-Chacin, was the guest for whom they entertained about 50 young people at a buffet supper last evening. The guests were selected from the younger members of the diplomatic circle. Miss Perez-Muro

Party Planned

Mrs. Gustav Lurman Stewart, Jr., and Mrs. English Gordon have issued cards for their annual reception. The party will be given Saturday afternoon from 5:30 to 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Stewart at 2225 R street. Mrs. Stewart is the former Miss Ruth Hitchcock and her present Washington residence is the former home of her late father, former Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock.